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LOCAL | BUSINESS

Local politics feel female leadership

This is part two of a three-part series exploring the lives of influential women in Coles County in part of Women's History and Awareness Month.

By **KRYSTAL MOYA**
Administration Editor

"Because I am a woman, I must make unusual efforts to succeed. If I fail, no one will say, 'She doesn't have what it takes.' They will say, 'Women don't have what it takes.'"
—Clare Boothe Luce

The transition of community women into political leaders buds in Coles County like the cottonwood blossoms fill the courthouse square and Eastern's campus.

March is Women's History and Awareness month, and the women who sit in political office are taking notice. They sit in their offices with piles of papers like raked leaves ready for spring-cleaning. And in the spirit of this month, they sit at that desk decorated in dusted metal from welding, grandchildren's crayon drawings or gleam of the high noon sun on the glass and they speak. They tell their stories, their opinions and answer the question: Where are women now?

Beginning a career in politics

Charleston City Council member Lorelei Sims has chosen to step down from her service to the community. However, the sole female voice on the city council is not leaving because of lack of fervor for the process or the politics, but rather a concentration



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While Lorelei Sims does not feel she is a role model as a member of the Charleston City Council, she thinks her position as a female blacksmith provides insight for newcomers to the Charleston area who have felt the blacksmith field is only for men.

on personal wants and needs — "the things that make me happy," she said.

The lack of fervor was also not absent in her original bid for city council. Sims described her campaign as a platform she felt spurred from her concerns being ignored.

"I felt we needed a change, a different attitude and I wanted to present it," she said. "I originally wanted to run for mayor, but my friends wanted me to crawl before I walked and I ran for city council."

Jan Eads, Coles County board

member, was always active and responsible. She found her place on the board through an appointment from fellow female Republican Jackie Bacon, who retired for health reasons.

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UNIVERSITY | DEATHS

3-month wait for toxicology results

Memorial held, donations needed to aid transportation

By **EMILY ZULZ**
Associate News Editor

More than three months are expected to pass before a decision is made whether to charge the suburban St. Louis police officer involved in the car crash that killed three Eastern students and another victim, authorities said.

Don Schneider, assistant to St. Louis Prosecuting Attorney Robert McCulloch, said it would be a minimum of three months before the Prosecuting Attorney's Office receives the reports.

Schneider said they have to wait until they get the toxicology reports, investigative reports, photographs, witness statements and the complete accident reconstruction.

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CAMPUS | SPRING BREAK

Helping make a difference

Spring break offers students a new outlook

By **JENNIFER BROWN**
Staff Reporter

For Katie Pliner, Habitat for Humanity was an opportunity to make a difference on Alternative Spring Break.

Hosted through the Newman Catholic Center, Pliner was first attracted to Alternative Spring Break last year when she went to Fayetteville, Ark. This year, she attended another Habitat for Humanity location in Jackson, Miss.

"I was inspired to go again because of the amazing experience I had," the sophomore elementary middle school education major said. "I met so many great people and had a blast with my group."

"I am hoping to gain experience working with volunteers and the family, as well as bonding with my team. I also want to come back and share my experience with others and hopefully gets other people to become interested in in volunteering for service trips."

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AUDREY SAWYER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Katie Finn, a biology and pre-med major at the University of Minnesota Duluth, places siding on a house on March 18 in Jackson County, Ky. Finn participated in Work Fest at the Christian Appalachian Project during her Alternative Spring Break.

UNIVERSITY | SCHOLARSHIP

Underclassmen could get more from Hope

Scholarship effectively doubled because of flooding last summer

By **JOE ASTROUSKI**
City Editor

Freshmen and sophomores at Eastern could qualify for an extra tax credit this year, thanks to last summer's devastating flooding.

All college students in their first two years qualify for the federal government's Hope Scholarship tax credit, according to the government's 2008 Internal Revenue guide.

The credit is worth up to \$1,800 each year, depending on each student's college costs.

But since Coles County, which includes Charleston, was declared a disaster area last summer, the amount each student can receive increases, said Gary Hawker, a certified public accountant.

"The Hope credit is effectively being doubled," Hawker said.

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certified public accountant

He said the increased value of the tax credit is not automatic.

"The credit is part of the preparation of their tax return or their parents' tax return if they're a dependent," Hawker said.

Hawker said disaster-area credit increases are based on the counties where students attend school, not the counties of their permanent addresses.

"Unfortunately, if a student from Coles County went to school somewhere else, they wouldn't qualify ... (for the increase)," Hawker said.

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EIU WEATHER

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	WEATHER BRIEF
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» Crash

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"The case is still under investigation ... so we can't speculate on charges," Schneider said. "Right now, we haven't looked at a piece of paper."

He said he would not theorize on what might result from the case.

"That's just not good policy," he said. "We don't do hypotheticals."

Once the reports are received, they will need to be evaluated and reviewed.

"It's going to take a long time to get this all together," Schneider said. "People hope and anticipate that we will move quickly in these things, but it takes a long time."

The memorial service for the four victims, which included interna-

tional graduate students Anitha Lakshmi Veerapaneni, Anusha Anumolu and Priya Darshini Muppavarapu, was held Wednesday at the Jay B. Smith Funeral Home in Maplewood, Mo.

The victims' bodies will next be flown home to India. The cost to send the four bodies is estimated at \$60,000.

The Telugu Association of St. Louis is raising funds to help pay for this cost. Donations can be made online at www.tana.org/donate or can be sent to Suren Pathuri, president of the association, at 605 Ridge Woods Manor Drive, Ellisville, MO 63038. The association asks that donors write "crash victims' fund" on the memo line of checks.

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CAMPUS GROUP OFFERS SUPPORT

The Asian-American Association plans to help the families of their fellow international students.

The association has planned a Ramen Noodle Contest from 5 to 6 p.m. Monday in the Thomas Hall basement party room.

The contestant who eats the most Ramen Noodles with chopsticks in three minutes will be the winner.

The cost is \$3 to participate, and proceeds will go to the Telugu Association of St. Louis.

» Alternative

FROM PAGE 1

The Newman Catholic Center has organized Alternative Spring Break programs for 17 years.

Doris Nordin, coordinator of Alternative Spring Break at the center, offered 11 locations to Eastern students this year.

Among these were many that involved working directly with children or the disabled. Others involved home repair or working with those in poverty.

Among the 11 locations, nine were located in the United States, one in Canada, and one in Mexico.

"We try to cover all kinds of social issues that affect our lives; some directly and others indirectly, which sometimes we don't see," Nordin said. "To raise awareness about the possibilities of making a difference here or anywhere else."

Nordin has attended all the locations, but this year she chose to attend Glenmary Farm in Vanceburg, Ky.

At this resort, team members worked with the emotionally challenged and also helped with home repair projects.

"I've been in other sites, and I really wanted to be part of the Glenmary Farm Program," Nordin

said. "The exposure to different kinds of realities appeals to me."

Emily Redmann, a junior elementary education major, chose to go to St. Vincent Center in Kansas City. This is her first year attending Alternative Spring Break.

"I choose this because I am majoring in elementary education and I love working with children," Redmann said. "I want to help make a difference, even if it is just one person, one person can make a difference. I have traveled with one person from my team before, but that is it."

It was not a hard decision for Max Van Byssum, a biological sciences major, when he chose Alternative Spring Break. He has been attending since his freshman year.

"I went on (Alternative Spring Break) last year at the Big Oak Boy's Ranch," he said. "I had a great experience last year, it was not even a decision to return to the ranch for a second time. My first time to the ranch moved me so much because of the amazing work everyone at the ranch does to make the lives of the boys there better and the opportunity they give them."

It was Van Byssum's second year to attend Alternative Spring Break at Big Oaks Boy's Ranch in Gadsden, Ala., and next year he plans on returning as a site leader.

"I worked cutting down trees

with my group from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and then had a break to get ready to spend the rest of the day with the house I was assigned," Van Byssum said. "A house is made up of house parents (married couple) and 8 kids with a max of 2 being biological offspring."

"The ranch is beautiful, all 167 acres. The ranch provides a truly amazing environment for the kids to grow."

Nate Atkinson, a graduate computer information major, was one of the students who went to Mexico. He was concerned about the security warnings, but would be in a safe area of the country.

"The idea of a mission trip is something new, an adventure that will be fulfilling," Atkinson said. "It'll be a spiritual experience following God's work for Catholic faith and Christian ways."

Upon returning to Eastern, Atkinson is already looking forward to returning to Mexico next year.

"In the morning, we did farm work and in the afternoon we played with the kids," he said. "Playing with the kids was the best part. There are about 130 kids, and not enough adults to show them love and attention. We connected with the kids, and they connected with us."

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CAMPUS | EVENT

Alumni return to perform show

By CHARLES LEGRAND
Staff Reporter

Eastern alumni Mike Papaleo and Bryan Grossbauer founded the Tree Theatre, located in Brooklyn, N.Y.

The pair has returned to its roots to perform a two-act show titled "Road Trips" at 7 p.m. today in The Theatre in the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

"It's good to be back," Grossbauer said. "The foundation of Tree Theatre started at EIU, and now we have a chance to come back and perform."

"Road Trips" is the Tree Theatre's latest production, which Papaleo and Grossbauer co-wrote.

Grossbauer described the show as a fast-paced adventure across the country.

The show features eight characters, all played by Grossbauer and Papaleo, Grossbauer said.

"Jason and Campbell (main characters) are best friends, but polar opposites," Grossbauer said. "Jason is a freelance computer programmer. Campbell was recently laid off his hedge fund. Jason takes Campbell on a road trip to gain perspective and see the world. Along the way, they

encounter a young Native American, a good Samaritan, a young slacker, a bald eagle and many others."

"Road Trips" has a run time of approximately 90 minutes. The show is an adult production intended for a mature audience because of language and content.

After graduating from Eastern, Grossbauer and Papaleo expanded their performance experiences.

Grossbauer has performed internationally at the Montreal and Toronto Fringe Festivals. He has been seen in Jagermeister and Time Warner commercials. In New York, he acted in Moonworks' "Romeo and Juliet," and "Misalliance" at the Pulse Ensemble Theatre. Grossbauer currently teaches at a private Manhattan school, and is the Summer Shakespeare artistic director at Calhoun School.

Papaleo has performed at the New York Comedy Club and studied at the Upright Citizens Brigade. He has starred in several off-off Broadway productions including, "Hello Out There" at Steinberg Theatre and "Gutter Rat" at Theatre-Studio Inc.

"Road Trips" is a part of the Coming Home Artists Series of the



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Bryan Grossbauer, left, and Mike Papaleo, right, rehearse for "Road Trips," a play they will debut at 7 p.m. in The Theatre of the Doudna Fine Arts Center. The duo, along with lighting coordinator and sound designer Christopher Ham, are Eastern graduates.

New and Emerging Artists Program, which is co-sponsored by the Theatre Arts Department.

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CAMPUS | MEETING

Graduate student fee tabled until next week

By KAYLEIGH ZYSKOWSKI
Staff Reporter

As part of Student Senate's meeting, it hosted the Student Relations Student Government Forum Wednesday. The senate hoped for a higher student turnout, but fewer than 10 students attended the meeting.

A bill for the increase of the Graduate Student Fee was presented at the meeting.

Peter Salvadori, president of Graduate Student Advisory Council, and council adviser Rodney Ranes, stated this bill is necessary for the graduate student program to become self-sufficient.

Currently, the organization's bud-

get expenditures are around \$6,000, but they only receive funding of about \$4,000 to \$4,500. The council has worked on the bill's proposal since the beginning of the fall semester and has come up with a solution to push the graduate student program out of the red.

The bill would include a 50-cent increase over the next two years, raising the fee from \$2 to \$2.50 for fiscal year 2010, and from \$2.50 to \$3 for fiscal year 2011.

Salvadori said compared to other universities, this fee is small because some universities charge \$10 or more.

In other business, Eric Wilber, student executive vice president, said the

Renewable Energy Center bill was passed in Springfield through committee by consent, as a "shell bill."

"There was an amendment that stripped the bill of all of its language," Wilber said. "Originally, all public universities would be able to do construction. We struck that out, and tomorrow they will discuss what will be put in place of that."

This leaves the possibility open for a pilot project, the Renewable Energy Center, on campus to be all that is on the bill.

Wilber said the bill could supply \$40 million to \$60 million for the center. He said the bill needs to be passed by April 3.

The seniors of the women's basket-

ball team were recognized at the meeting as they received a plaque from the Student Government, commending the team for their accomplishments this past season.

"After everything that we have done, and all of the time and effort you feel you put into it, it's really great to be recognized by an organization that is completely outside of the athletic department," said Lindsey Kluempers, a senior member of the women's basketball team.

The Student Government debate will take place at 7 p.m. today in the Buzzard Lecture Hall.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Film shows war through Iraqi woman's eyes

The film "My Home, Your War" will be presented at 5 p.m. today in the Doudna Lecture Hall.

The film looks at the effect of the Iraq War through the eyes of an ordinary Iraqi woman. Director Kylie Grey shot the film in Baghdad over a three-year span before, during and after the invasion of Iraq. The event is free and open to the public.

Focus of film famous fighter pilot

The film "Krylya (Wings)" will be presented at 7 p.m. today in the Doudna Lecture Hall.

The film portrays a once-famous fighter pilot and loyal Stalinist, Nadezhda Petrovna, now a 41-year-old provincial schoolmistress. Director Larisa Shepitko shows how Petrovna cannot adjust to life in peacetime.

—Compiled by Associate News Editor Emily Zulz

BLOTTER

Joshua Centers, 31, of Charleston, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and having a blood alcohol content of more than 0.08 after a 2:01 a.m. Saturday arrest, said the University Police Department.

A traffic accident was reported on Tuesday to have occurred between a white Chevrolet car and a white Chevrolet truck on Feb. 28 in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union parking lot, police said.

CORRECTION

In Wednesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, Maya Angelou, Dougherty Ferry Road and Creve Coeur were misspelled.

The DEN regrets the errors.



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SAM SLAVEN

Safety first for
April Fools' Day

If I have only one pet peeve, it's inside jokes.

If there's one thing that doesn't peeve me, it's a great practical joke.

With April Fools' Day right around the corner, my thinking wheels are turning trying to come up with something original.

Unfortunately, I believe all of my great pranks are either cliché or too dangerous to perform.

So what is and isn't OK to do anymore on this glorious day?

A few years ago I was able to get the guys in my dorm to participate in a prank against our resident assistant.

We took stacks of the day's leftover school papers and wadded each sheet of paper into a ball.

We did this with literally hundreds of newspapers and when the RA left his room we completely flooded it with wadded paper to a depth of about four feet.

A good laugh was had by all, except for the RA, and the entire stunt was captured on video.

I look back on that stunt now and think about how incredibly and stupidly dangerous that was.

Just one spark from an electronic device could have set the entire dorm ablaze.

What about setting up your friend so their cell phone goes off during the middle of class?

That can be quite funny and embarrassing for your target; however, it disrupts the whole class and should not be attempted.

Prank phone calls are a thing of the past thanks to caller-ID.

You certainly don't want to pull a prank that may frighten someone so much that he or she may have a heart attack or have them dialing 911 on their cell phone.

In fact, I can only think of three pranks that are safe to perform anymore: the fake lottery ticket, the candy that turns your whole mouth blue and fart spray.

The fake lottery ticket has always been a great prank, but has been overused.

This could be stepped up a notch by taking a large check, balloons and a camera crew to a house to inform the resident that they have just won \$10,000,000.

The blue candy is good because they might not realize they've been the victim of a prank for a few hours or even days until they've put the candy in their mouth.

I don't need to explain the fun that can be had with fart spray.

Just keep a video camera around to record the great reactions.

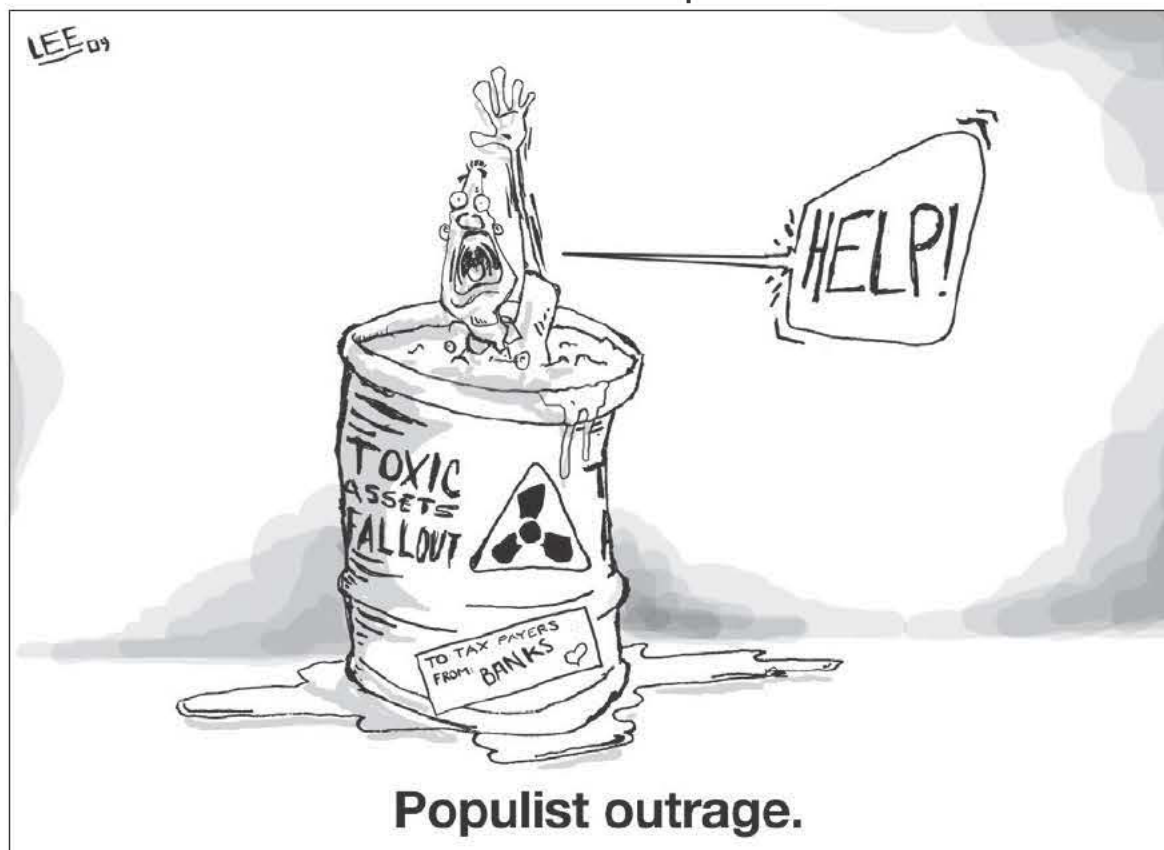
Whatever you attempt next week, just please remember to think it through first.

Nothing kills the fun of a practical joke faster than an injury.

Happy fooling!

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Drawn from the News | Chris Lee



Populist outrage.

STAFF EDITORIAL

Outrage over Facebook
redesign poorly based

Since its launch in 2004, Facebook has become the premier social networking Web site, extending its reach from college students to professors, to high school students and anyone else who wished to have a profile.

It's almost an addiction, a way of life for people to keep in contact with one another when cell phones and instant messaging just won't cut it. And people take it seriously.

A person's Facebook profile is a reflection of that person, a representation of the individual for the whole world to see if one chooses to do so.

Many Facebook users have gotten so used to the streamlined interface adopted in 2006 that any change to how the site functions would be completely unacceptable.

Now picture those individuals' reactions to Facebook's latest redesign. Adopted earlier this month, the "new Facebook" has changed the locations of links and applications and has added a new feel to each profile's wall, or comments section.

Already, many Facebook users are up in arms, some threatening to boycott the Web site.

Groups have arisen out of the debacle demanding the Web site switch back to its previous interface; one group of more than 44,000 members reads, "They must not change Facebook whenever they want. It is ours!"

Sorry kids, but it isn't. You see, no Facebook user has contributed enough money to even match the millions of dollars invested in the privately owned Web site by companies such as Microsoft or people like Hong Kong billionaire Li Ka-shing, who invested \$60 million in the site in November 2007.

In fact, Facebook users provide almost no monetary support whatsoever, or at least not enough for CEO Mark Zuckerberg

"Many Facebook users have gotten so used to the streamlined interface adopted in 2006 that any change to how the site functions would be completely unacceptable."

to even notice, giving users absolutely no financial stake in the company. So where do users get the idea that they have some stake in how the company operates?

Facebook provides a means of communication between individuals — and a form of entertainment through applications — that is completely free of charge.

No credit cards are required to join; just a valid e-mail address is all. And this is how users react when the company updates its Web site to stay on pace with technological and stylistic advances? Is it really that difficult to click a mouse in a different location? Is the new interface really that challenging?

The fact is, the users who join groups to "bring back old Facebook" are afraid of change and are unwilling to face the fact that nothing is concrete.

The same arguments were thrown out after Facebook's 2006 redesign and were quickly forgotten.

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OTHER VIEWS ON THE NEWS

RELIGION NOT A MENACE

WISCONSIN — If someone were to try to pigeonhole me into a specific political category, I think they would ultimately find I am part of the diminutive and rarely mentioned religious left. I am fiscally liberal and a social libertarian not in spite of my religious views but because I do not believe spiritual law can influence secular law. My ideal vision of the direction of my synagogue does not need to mirror the direction I'd like to see in my government, and my interpretations of religious law cannot influence my understanding of American law. If this is forgotten, the important distinction between the two will be erased.

One issue that seems to manifest this idea is my understanding of same-sex marriage. Religiously, I see no way to validate permitting a man to wed another man other than to completely disregard the scripture at the core of Abrahamic faiths for thousands of years. While that may be a fine outlet for some, my presuppositions about religion and religious doctrines do not allow me to do this. I hardly believe, however, the words of my scripture need to run parallel to the words of my constitution. A secular union of two people of the same sex does not infringe on our freedom of religion and should undoubtedly

be allowed.

Call it a union, call it marriage — the name does not really matter; what matters is the human and the rights of these couples be protected. I understand that all religions pose laws dictating actions of other religions (i.e., Noachide Laws), but if you choose to live in a religiously free democracy like our own, you simply cannot attempt to enforce those laws. Enforcing them would be just as wrong as enforcing any other religious doctrine in secular court.

Jordan Soffer
Badger Herald

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» Women

FROM PAGE 1

Eads is also the sole female voice on the county board and, in her last elected term, became the only female chair in Coles County history.

"I happened to know someone who believed I would be good at a job I never really considered," she said.

Coles County Clerk Sue Rennels does not view her position as one that is political. Rather she is "there to help the community, showing kindness, honesty and care." She found her way to the position by working for both state Sen. Judy Meyers and State Rep. Chapin Rose as a legislative aid.

"I then followed God, praying and found my way to this position," she said.

Being responsible leaders

Sims, Eads and Rennels all have their share of responsibilities in their roles as elected officials. They head committees, administer policy, address budgets, control records and perform other tasks designated by their office. But they have lives outside their offices and how they incorporate their personal agendas with the duties of their positions is what they find most difficult.

Sims is most proud of her work in her welding shop, Five Points Blacksmith Shop on State Street. As she walks her dog Ben around the shop, she considers her role as both a business owner and local politician.

"I think that my responsibilities are intertwined," she said. "I have to be a business owner and decision maker and owning my business has made me better at the latter."

Eads' work as a realtor, wife and mother are inexplicably the reason why she is successful as a board member. Her almost seven-day-a-week schedule as board chair was only possible because of her dedication in her other roles.

"Owning a business and raising my children and being a wife to my husband gave me the foundation of good work ethic," she said. "All of those things are full time jobs, and they allowed me to work hard, never really realizing how tired I am."

It was thoughts about what her obituary might say that allowed Rennels to express her dedication to her children and grandchildren, the third, Zane, born Monday.

"You look at these obits and you see comments about their lives and husbands and everything, but then you see that she was devoted to her children and grandchildren, and that

is what I want to see," she said. "I of course also want to leave behind a warm and caring office that helped the people that have a right to that very help. Its just me, not me the female, just me."

They come from different backgrounds and see their roles differently, but these women come from a place where women are scarce – even in a community that "fosters and supports its ambitious women," Sims said.

They face politics on the local level but cover high leadership roles in the community. And sometimes, as the case with Sims and Eads, are the sole female voices in decision-making positions.

Hillary and Sarah

These female politicians differed in opinion on the two women thrust to the forefront of the cause for women to immerse themselves in politics.

Hillary Rodham Clinton, Democratic primary candidate for the 2008 presidential race, and Sarah Palin, Republican vice president nominee running with Arizona Sen. John McCain, were discussed as both representative of a block in the transition toward female representation and as a move forward in female competency.

"I think Sarah Palin threw women back 30 years," Sims said. "I think

the things she said, her complete lack of know-how ... when Tina Fey covered her, let's just say she asked for it."

But Eads disagreed and Rennels said she did not know how Palin and Clinton affected women's chances.

"I didn't see Sarah Palin's Republican candidacy or her policies as an issue that set women back," Eads said.

"I don't know what Hillary and Sarah did for women," Rennels said. "I think that both had their own positives and negatives, and that respect are people ... just like men, just like you and me."

The female political climate

In essence, all three women saw the climate on the local level as amicable to female involvement. They cited Coles County as a place for women to be supported and gender bias to be non-existent.

But the number of women in the local political fields is dissipating. No female candidates are running for city council in the April 7 elections. The only other female county board member, Joy Russell, was beat in November's elections.

"I think it is very upsetting to not see women stepping up to take a seat on the council," Sims said. "It is important for women to have a voice

and they need to have enough ambition to step up to a seat that could have been theirs."

Eads believes encouragement in girls and women to take on higher roles in politics is lagging, thus making progression in the field "too slow."

"Women are not expected to take these roles, not told to go for it. So, when they look at these positions and contemplate them, they are stopped by the 'glass ceiling,'" she said.

Rennels agrees to an extent, but believes it is fair to say that women often stand in their own way. A lack of ambition and a sense of being told 'no' are things women need to rise above.

"What is success?" she asked. "Each person has their own definition, and each person must define it for themselves."

She explained that success is no more a male idea than a female idea and if being a mother is an individual's idea of success, then they should not conform to finding success in completing male roles and vice versa.

"In the end, it's all about what makes you happy. For me, it's being a grandma," Rennels said laughing.

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» Ahead
FROM PAGE 8

The Panthers scored three runs in the fifth, but Illinois State cut the lead to three in the seventh after scoring two runs on RBIs by first baseman Evan Kohli and red-shirt sophomore center fielder Tyler McNeely.

Junior left fielder Curt Restko saved the game for the Panthers later in the fifth inning, robbing a blast by Ruffolo with two men on base that would have tied the game at eight. Ruffolo hit a long fly ball to left, but was able to jump up at the last second to come down with the ball for the Panthers.

"(Ruffolo) was a buddy of mine I played with at home over the summer," Restko said. "He already hit one that way. I think the wind got it, but I just followed it back and my centerfielder did a good job telling me where the fence was. I just got back to the fence and jumped up."

The Panthers added one more run in the eighth to put the game out of reach with a solo home run from freshman catcher Gerik Wallsten, the first of his career.

"It was a down-the-middle fast-ball," Wallsten said. "It was right in my wheelhouse. I just turned on it."

Wallsten went 1-for-2 from the plate with two sacrifice bunts, including a suicide squeeze in the fifth.

Wallsten said getting bunts down is just as important as hitting homeruns for the team to win games.

Red-shirt freshman pitcher Mike Martin started for the Panthers and picked up his second win of the season, pitching four innings, giving up three runs and five hits.

Sophomore right-hander Matt Miller came in relief and pitched two innings of two-hit ball, allowing zero runs and one walk.

Schmitz said both pitchers performed well and that allows Eastern to add more depth to its rotation.

The bottom of the Panthers order (freshman right field Zach Borenstein, Restko and Wallsten) came up huge, combining for six hits and four RBIs.

The Panthers, who have won five in a row, will return to Ohio Valley Conference action this weekend as they host Tennessee Tech for a three-game series.

The teams play a doubleheader Saturday starting at noon and the finale is Sunday at 1 p.m. All games will be played at Coaches Stadium.

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» Schneider
FROM PAGE 8

The most impressive part of the softball team's record is the fact that they have played in 17 games that have been decided by two runs or less. They have won 10 of these games, including the last four.

Along with the team's ability to win the close games, they have been able to put up strong numbers in both the hitting and pitching categories.

Holtz and junior right fielder Denee' Menzione have been two of the stronger hitters for the offense this season.

Holtz is batting .325 and is tied with teammate Menzione for the team lead in home-runs with five. Holtz leads the squad with 23 RBIs. She is also tied for the team lead for doubles (4). Menzione has been patient at the plate this season, drawing a team-high 16 walks. She also leads the team in batting average (.366) and runs (20).

Eastern pitchers post a 2.45 ERA, while striking out 168 batters and only walking 71. A major reason for the high strikeout total has been the pitching of sophomore Amber May.

If the team is going to continue to find success this season they will need to rely on their ability to win the close games, as well as having continued progression from the hitting and pitching departments.

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» Miscues
FROM PAGE 8

"We were chasing their pitches," Schuette said. "We were fishing a little bit. We hit a few good balls. We didn't hit enough good balls."

Jackson and the other Panthers did make adjustments.

"We all moved back in the batter's box," she said.

Eastern sophomore pitcher Amber May (12-7) was tagged for the loss. May gave up three hits, three runs, walked two and struck

out three. Jacoby pitched the final three innings. She gave up five hits but only two runs. She walked two and struck out two.

Eastern returns to action this weekend when it travels to Eastern Kentucky for a three-game Ohio Valley Conference series. The Panthers play EKV at noon Saturday in a doubleheader in Richmond, Ky. They conclude the series with a noon game on Sunday.

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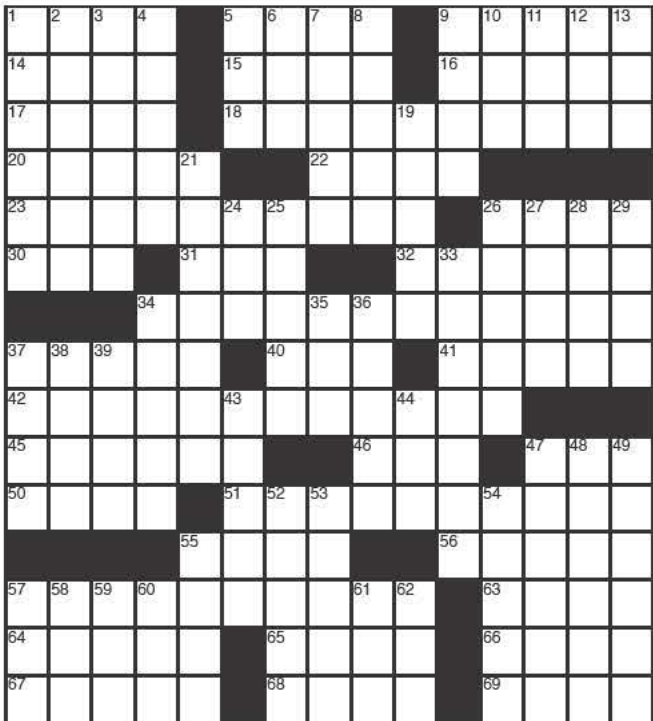
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NEIL SCHNEIDER

Success based on team unity

The Eastern softball team is currently on a six-game winning streak before Wednesday's game.

This winning streak is the second-longest streak for the Panthers this season as they had a seven-game winning streak to start the season.

During their current streak, the Panthers defeated Drake and Indiana-Purdue-Indianapolis in a doubleheader.

They also defeated Tennessee Martin three times in two days.

During their game on Sunday against UT Martin, the Panthers were able to pull together a 10-inning 2-1 victory off sophomore third baseman Kiley Holtz's walk-off single.

Sunday's victory was just one more example of how the softball team has been able to win the close games.

The team (17-10, 4-2 Ohio Valley Conference) has a 6-3 record at Williams Field.

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BASEBALL | EASTERN 9, ILLINOIS STATE 5

Getting ahead leads to win

Long ball helps Panthers in win

By DAN CUSACK
Staff Reporter

The Eastern baseball team has found the right components to a successful start in games.

The Panther offense started quickly, scoring five runs in the first two innings leading to a 9-5 win against Illinois State on Wednesday afternoon at Coaches Stadium.

"I'm obviously very happy jumping on them with five runs in the first two innings," said Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz. "It's something we are doing really well. We are coming out ready to play and getting a lot of runs early, so it's a nice formula. I don't know how long it's going to last, but it has worked out well."

Senior centerfielder Brett Nommensen started the game offensively for the Panthers with a leadoff home run to dead center for his eighth of the season.

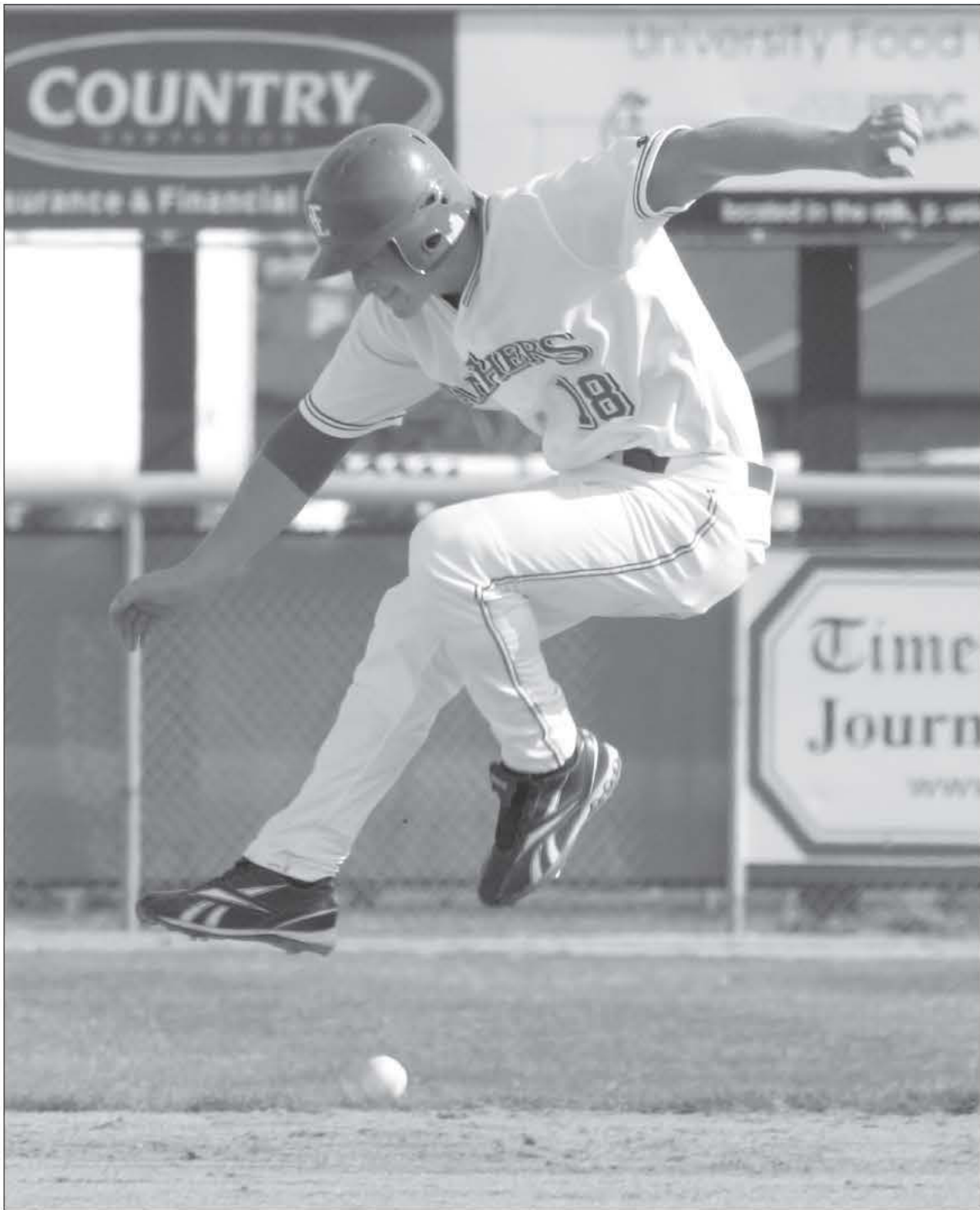
It was his third leadoff home run of the season.

The Panthers added two more runs in the frame when senior shortstop Jordan Kreke hit a two-run shot to left to give Eastern a 3-0 lead.

The Redbirds (10-7) battled back in the top of the second as junior designated hitter Anthony Ruffolo hit a two-run homer and a two-run single by senior shortstop Collin Salzenstein tied the game at 3.

Eastern (15-5) took the lead for good in the bottom of the second, scoring two runs after senior second baseman Jordan Tokarz was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded and senior third baseman Zach Skidmore hit a sacrifice fly.

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AUDREY SAWYER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Freshman right fielder Zach Borenstein jumps over the ball while running to third base at Coaches Stadium Wednesday afternoon. Borenstein went 3-for-4 with 2 RBIs in Eastern's 9-5 win in its home opener.

SOFTBALL | NO. 25 SOUTHERN ILLINOIS CARBONDALE 5, EASTERN 1

First inning miscues don't help Panthers' cause

By KEVIN MURPHY
Sports Editor

Things just didn't go right for the Eastern softball team against home team Southern Illinois Carbondale on Tuesday.

The Salukis would score two runs in the bottom of the first inning, but they could have been avoided as Eastern lost 5-1, snapping its six-game winning streak.

In the first inning, SIUC's leadoff hitter, sophomore center fielder Chelsea Held, reached on catcher's interference. Freshman shortstop Haley Gorman singled with no outs. Held moved to third on a passed ball, and then junior second baseman Alicia Garza singled Held home. Gorman and Garza advanced to second and third on a wild pitch. After a strikeout, senior third baseman Katie Wagner was walked to load the bases. Luckily for the Panthers, the Salukis (21-6) would only score one more run this inning on a



ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

The Eastern softball team cheers on sophomore Kiley Holtz as she reaches home plate after hitting a home run against Tennessee State on March 13 at Williams Field. Eastern lost 5-1 on Wednesday.

sacrifice fly.

"We got spooked in the first inning," said Eastern head coach

Kim Schuette. "All of that set the tone for the game."

Sophomore first baseman Melin-

da Jackson agreed.

"We got rattled in the first inning," she said.

The rest of the Salukis' runs came off of home runs.

SIUC junior right fielder Katie Wilson hit a home run to left field in the third inning. Then Garza hit a two-run home run to left field in the fifth inning.

"Their offense beat us today," Schuette said. "Their hitters were more disciplined."

Eastern (17-11) attempted to rally in the sixth and seventh innings. The Panthers left two people on base in each inning. The Panthers were able to get on the board in the seventh when Jackson singled to right field to score senior pitcher Kathleen Jacoby. SIUC sophomore pitcher Danielle Glosson (5-4) kept the Panthers off-balance with her drop ball. She held the Panthers to five hits as eight Panthers struck out.

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EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

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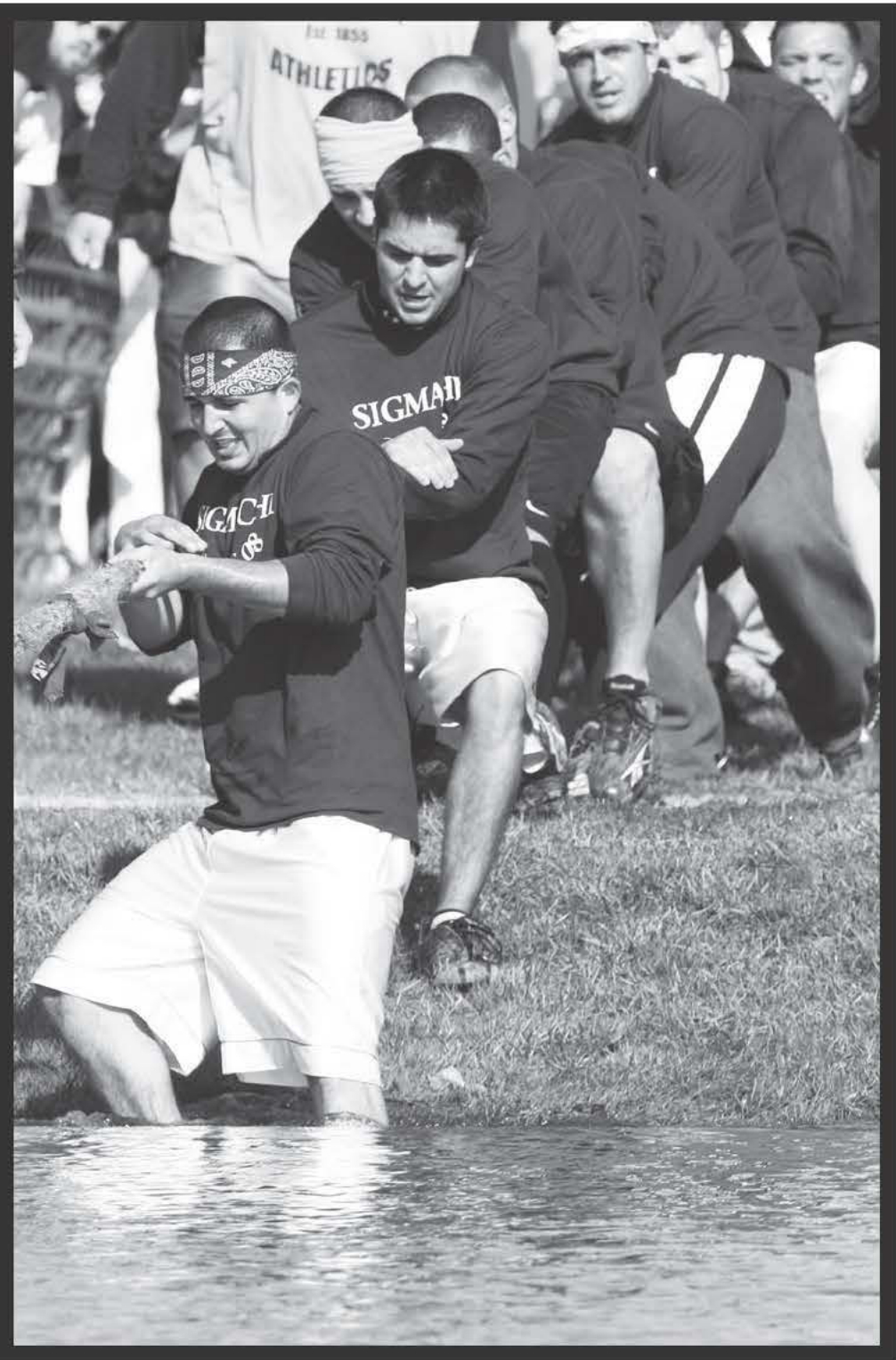
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12 p.m. - Coaches Stadium

SOFTBALL
Saturday at E. Kentucky (DH) |
12 p.m. - Richmond, Ky.

WOMEN'S TENNIS
Saturday at Austin Peay |
1 p.m. - Clarksville, Tenn.

The Daily Eastern News' guide to Greek Week 2009



"We may stand out,
but we never stand alone"

Week to involve more campus, community

By JOE ASTROUSKI
City Editor

Although Greek Week only lasts a week, pulling it off takes months of planning by a 40-member steering committee led by two co-chairs known as "overalls."

This year, the committee looked for new ways to involve the rest of the campus and the Charleston community, said overalls Heather Magee and Will Seidelmann.

"We are getting members from the campus and community to come out and judge in hopes to publicize the event," Seidelmann and Magee said in a joint e-mail. "We also are trying to get more faculty involved this year by inviting them to the Greek Sing Reception."

They also said the events will be taped by WEIU-TV and broadcast on Channel 13. Along with publicizing the events, Magee and Seidelmann said they hope to increase the public service component.

"This year, we added a canned food drive and sculpture contest," they said. "We are hoping to bring in a very large amount of canned goods to help support the Charleston and surrounding communities."

The steering committee also chooses the motto for the week. This year's motto, "We may stand out, but we never stand alone" is meant to highlight the positive contributions of fraternities and sororities, Magee and Seidelmann said.

"This means that we take pride in our organizations and strive to



FILE PHOTO | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Members of Alpha Sigma Alpha pull at a frozen T-shirt in order to unfold it and beat other sororities in the competition on April 4, 2008, in front of Booth Library. There will be Greek Week games from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

do the best that we can to uphold each chapter's values," they said. "We know that, if we work hard and unite as a community, that negative stereotypes will be easier to break down."

Robyn Paige, interim director of Greek Life, said Greek Week events highlight the values of fraternities and sororities.

"I see Greek Week as an opportunity for chapters to unite to-

gether to work toward shared goals, and for the community as a whole to come together," Paige said. "The event encompasses all the perspectives that are crucial to fraternal organizations: academics ... service

and philanthropy ... personal wellness ... as well as fun and social time."

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The Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity members perform a dance at Airband during Greek Week on April 5, 2008. This year’s event will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday in Lantz Arena.

Airband songs range from rap to rock

Props, costumes, lip-synching all a part of competition

By **HEATHER HOLM**
Activities Editor

The first day of Greek Week, fraternities and sororities are put against each other in the lip-synching and dancing competition, Airband.

“The event has been around for a while,” said Ryan Swanberg, a host of the event. “There are props and costumes, such as canes, chairs, hats and sometimes even guys dressing up like girls.”

The performers are not allowed to have instruments, so instead blow-up guitars are used or actu-

al guitars are used without playing any music.

“All the sound comes from recorded music CDs,” Swanberg said. “You can chose up to eight songs, and the performance has to be under five minutes.”

Usually the entirety of each song is not used, but instead short clips from the songs are played.

Swanberg said the songs run the gammett from “Barbie Girl” by Aqua to “Wake Me Up” by Wham to “Save a Horse (Ride a Cowboy)” by Big and Rich to “Twist and Shout” by the Beatles and Frank Sinatra.

Songs from Lady Gaga and Styx will also be performed.

“Basically, it is anything from country to rap to rock,” Swanberg said.

Kate Kelley, another host of the event, said about 20 fraternities and sororities will compete at Airband, and the EIU Dancers will have a special performance at the end of the competition.

“It’s kind of a surprise and they will probably be doing a performance like the ones they do for their regular competitions,” Kelley said.

Airband will take place at 7 p.m. Saturday at Lantz Arena.

Tickets are \$7 for floor and \$5 for balcony.


A trophy will be rewarded to the first-place winner, and plaques will be presented to the second and third place winners.

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The Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity performs during Airband on April 5, 2008, in Lantz Arena.



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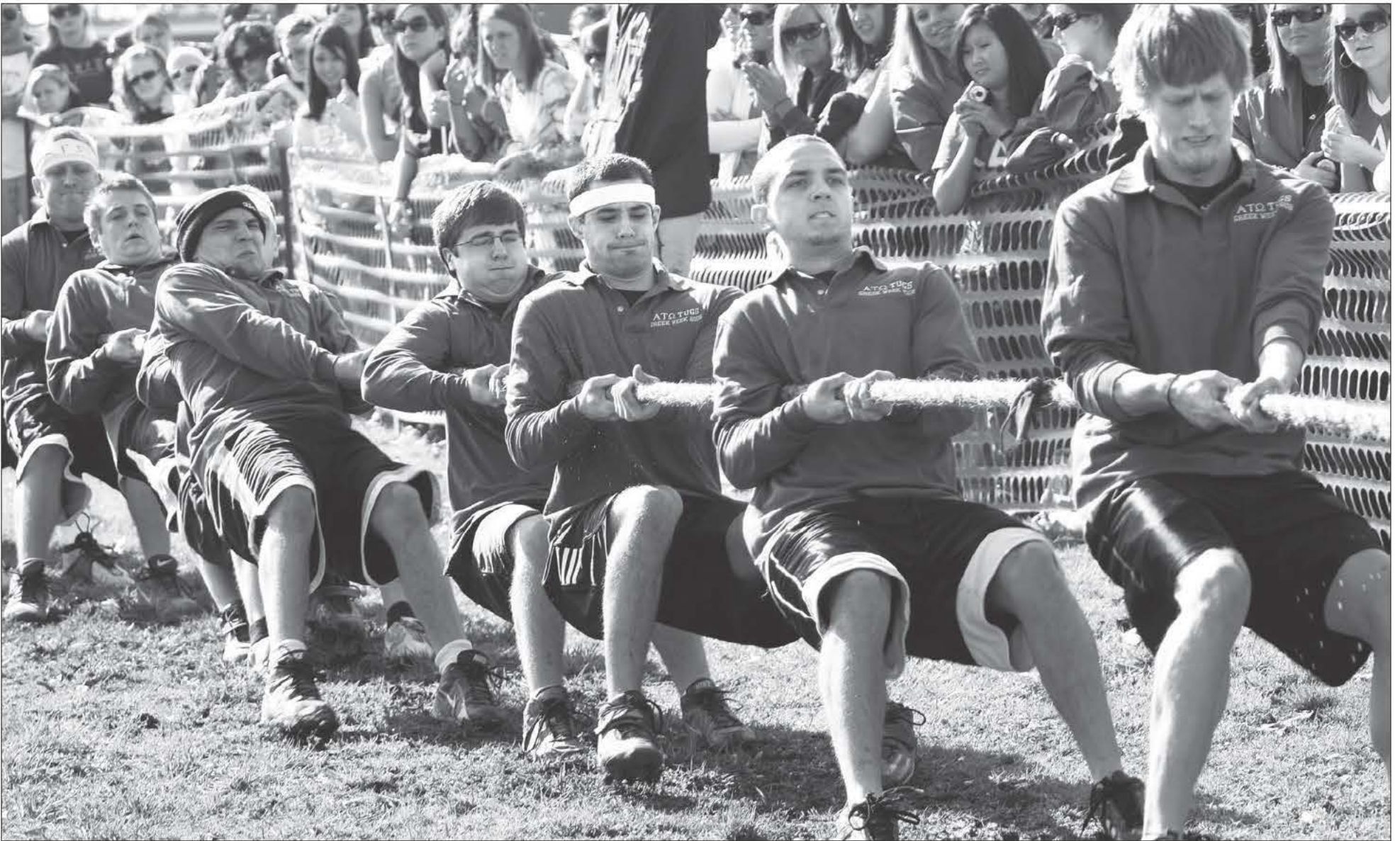
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Members of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity participate in the Tugs event on April 9, 2008, at the Campus Pond. This year's competition runs from Monday until April 4, which is the day of the finals.

Teams to tug for championship title

By KAYLEIGH ZYSKOWSKI
Staff Reporter

After the muddy event it turned into last year, Greek Week's Tugs of 2009 looks to be another highly anticipated year with even more friendly competition.

Kevin Lee, coordinator for the Greek Week Rules and Games, said seven big men teams, eight little men teams and nine women teams have signed up and are looking to earn points for their houses.

With practices beginning in January and the final weigh-in Saturday, the tugs teams have been hard at work for months, conditioning and preparing for the competition ahead.

Each fraternity or sorority uses this time to their full advantage by doing more than just playing tug-of-war over the campus pond during their training.

"The first few months we focus

on endurance and conditioning," said Emily Froemel, the Alpha Sigma Tau house coach.

During this time, they did exercises such as lunges, running and wall sits to build their leg strength and endurance, she said.

Endurance is key to tugging according to Adam Weaver, senior tugger and captain of the Sigma Phi Epsilon team.

"If you are able to work over an extended amount of time, it allows you to use your time more wisely," he said.

As a team, they work on rope and tugging technique, but they also do work on their own in the gym to become stronger individually.

This will be Weaver's third year participating in Tugs and he has had his team hard at work to help defend their title after winning the big men's title last year.

"For us, (winning) was big because we had never won the big



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Sigma Chi fraternity members work together during the tugs competition at the Campus Pond on April 11, 2008.

men's championship and nobody thought we would do much," Weaver said. "It was a thrill to not only win it for yourself, but for the fraternity."

With the winning team in each category earning five points for their

sorority or fraternity, tugs has become a competitive event for Greek Week each year on campus.

"(Tugs) is one of those times when alumni come to support a lot more and it has become a much

bigger tradition compared to some of the other events during the week," Weaver said.

Greek Sing is the only Greek Week event that has been held longer than Tugs. Tugs has also stimulated healthy competition among the Greek society on campus.

"We take pride in our houses and everybody is really competitive between the houses," Froemel said.

As for how the teams will stack up this year, Weaver is confident in his tuggers.

"We are better than we were last year," he said. "Everybody knows how hard we trained last year, so we have stepped it up and are driven that much harder."

Divisions will take place over the Campus Pond at 4 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, and at 3 p.m. April 3. The finals will at 2 p.m. April 4.

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Local heroes part of community service

Relays, craft projects, inflatable obstacles a part of the events at Jefferson Fun Days

By **EMILY STEELE**
Staff Reporter

They may not wear spandex or have catch phrases, but as a part of Greek Week Charleston school children will have the chance to learn about their local heroes.

As part of the Greek Week service projects, the community service subcommittee planned a "Fun Day" at Jefferson Elementary School for Wednesday.

There will be relays, craft projects and, for the first time, an outdoor inflatable obstacle course at the "Fun Day."

As part of one of the relays, the students will be dressing up in uniforms donated from local heroes.

"We contacted the ROTC, Health Services, police department and the fire department, all who we consider local heroes, to donate different articles of clothing to use," said Meghan Matthies.

A Greek Week veteran, Matthies was a committee member last year and took on the role of the chair this year, with planning starting in December.

The superhero theme "we may stand out, but we never stand alone" for this year's celebration inspired her to make some changes in how the day and the other service events were structured.

A variety of indoor relays, an obstacle course and craft projects, which will be sent to St. Jude Children Hospital as part of the Greek philanthropy, are the main components that make up the daylong event.

Each chapter will have nine members participating throughout where they will be able to interact with fourth, fifth and sixth graders.

Elise Ramsey, a fourth grade teacher at Jefferson has acted as the event liaison for the Greek Steering Committee for the past 10 years.

Ramsey, who is also an adviser for the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority, said the superhero theme is good learning experience for the children.

"I think it's a good theme and anything like that with the kids being involved and learning about community service is a good thing," she added.

But the elementary students won't be the only ones having fun.

"I am looking forward to playing with



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Students participate in Jefferson Fun Days in 2007. This year, participants in Greek Week 2009 will volunteer at Jefferson Elementary School.

the kids all day because I know how excited they get when the Eastern students come for a day to play with them," said Ally Dinkle, a member of the committee.

Besides the day at the school, the committee is collecting items such as toiletries, clothing and home furnishings for the HOPE Center in Charleston and toys for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

from each chapter.

Community service is included in Greek Week because the chapters feel that they can make an even more powerful impact on the community if they unite, Matthies said.

A feeling which committee member Jessica Montgomery shares.

"Being Greek is more than wearing letters and going to parties; it's about giving

back and standing for something bigger than yourself," she said.

More than 200 members of the Greek community will be involved in the "Fun Day" and Matthies' goal is to collect around 200 items for the HOPE center and 50 toys.

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Preparing to become Greek royalty

All Greek houses came together, decided who would represent them in competition

By JESSICA LEGGIN
Campus Editor

Those nominated for Greek Week King and Queen 2009 have started the path to the sought-after crowns.

Jered Sutton won runner-up for Homecoming King 2008, but he expects to take the title Greek Week King 2009.

"I feel like I got a real good shot here," said Sutton, a senior sports management major and member of the fraternity Sigma Nu. "I have a good reputation for being a good leader, and I think a lot of people respect that."

Sutton, former chapter president for Sigma Nu, said he feels highly respected in his fraternity.

"Everyone has confidence in me to do the best and to represent my fraternity," he said.

Several fraternity and sorority chapters on Eastern's campus have nominated a member from their organization to represent them in the king and queen competitions.

Greeks can vote between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Friday in the University Ballroom. The results will be announced during the Coronation ceremony at 7 p.m. Saturday in Lantz Arena during Airband.

The process for the Coronation started mid-January, said Andrea Yadron, member of Kappa Delta and the

elections and Coronation committee.

"The different houses came together and decided who they wanted to represent them as king or queen," said the junior family and consumer sciences major. "Then, that person had to attend meetings, fill out applications and attend an interview."

Nominees had to be a junior or a senior, have a 2.5 or above grade point average and must hold or have held an officer or chairmanship position in their chapter.

The overall score for the nominees are broken down into three categories and carry specific percentage points.

The interview is worth 60 percent, the application is 30 percent and the voting process is 10 percent.

Sutton said he felt his chances in the interview process went well.

"I think they asked questions that I was knowledgeable on," he said. "They asked me about my role in my fraternity and Greek Life, and I feel I have performed on a high level."

Megan Patterson, member of Alpha Phi and nominee for queen, said she was nervous during the interview portion, especially since it is the bulk of the overall score.

"I was just really nervous since it was my first formal interview," said the junior kinesiology and sports studies major. "They asked questions that were relevant to Greek Week and Eastern Illinois, and one's involvement on campus."

Patterson has held several positions in her sorority such as vice-president of chapter operations and chair of philanthropy and intramurals.

She is also a part of Phi Alpha

Eta, an honors fraternity through the Honors College.

Patterson said to receive the nomination from her organization was an honor.

"There could have been a lot of other girls who were seniors who could have been up for nomination," she said. "It was kind of shocking for me."

Patterson said when it comes to her chances of winning she thinks it is up in the air.

"I think everyone has a chance," she said.

Paige Roth, member of Sigma Kappa and also a nominee for queen, said she felt honored to be chosen to represent her sorority.

"I felt honored and was kind of excited," said the junior merchandising major. "It kind of brought me back to high school with all the elections and everything."

While a member of Sigma Kappa, Roth has held the position of activities chair, vice-president of the executive board for recruitment and is in the process of planning the next formal fall 2009 recruitment process.

Roth said during the ceremony she hopes the campus community comes together to witness the several events that will go on during that evening.

"I think EIU has always had an amazing Greek Week, and not a lot of schools go all out like we do," she said. "It would just be great if Eastern could see what we have worked hard for."

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Keirstyn McEvoy and Theodore Tebbe are crowned Greek Week King and Queen at the Coronation ceremony during Airband on April 5, 2008, in Lantz Arena. This year's ceremony will be held Saturday during Airband at 7 p.m.

Committee hopes to raise \$50,000 for children's hospital

By JESSICA LEGGIN
Campus Editor

Michelle Bosco, member of Delta Zeta and chair of the Greek Week Philanthropy Committee, said she hopes the campus community comes together with the hope of raising \$50,000 for the St. Jude's Children Research Hospital.

"Every dollar the hospital receives, 85 cents will go to research and treatment," she said. "Last year we raised \$43,000 and we are hoping to raise \$50,000 this year."

During Greek Week, several fraternities, sororities and student organizations will have a chance to come together and help raise mon-

ey for the St. Jude's Letter Writing Campaign at 7 p.m. today in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is a non-profit organization made to help children and families fight cancer and other catastrophic diseases.

According to the hospital's Web site, the organization accepts all patients for treatment regardless if a family has the money for it.

Bosco said tonight's event consists of members of Greek Life and other student organizations who generate a list of addresses and send out letters asking for donations for St. Jude.

"The list can consist of families, friends, dentists, doctors and many other people," she said. "The people at the event are writing down the addresses and writing personal notes to them asking for donations."

Bosco said there will also be food and refreshments and a projector in the background playing clips of the hospital and details about the organization.

"There will also probably be a family there to tell their story on the dealings of cancer," she said.

Bosco said Matt O'Shea, the St. Jude's marketing representative from the office in Peoria, will also be in attendance.

"Matt said Eastern is one of the biggest contributors and gives a lot of money compared to a lot of other colleges in our Midwest Region," she said.

Bosco said not only do they ask people to generate addresses, but they also ask the Greek chapters to make a personal donation.

"They receive points depending on the amount of these donations," she said. "My freshman year, my sorority raised \$5,000, and we received first place."

Bosco said this is the first year other student organizations, besides Greek, are able to participate in the philanthropy event.

"It is just important that more of

the campus is involved," she said. "I don't think it should just be Greek."

Bosco said the philanthropy committee thought it would be a great idea to get other organizations involved for a great cause.

"I personally think that this is such a great organization," she said. "Getting more people involved will be helping St. Jude even more."

Bosco said she thinks a lot of students will benefit from this philanthropy if they take the time to participate.

"This is a cause to get involved with," she said.

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Alpha Sigma Tau sorority members participate in the Greek Sing event on April 6, 2008, in Lantz Arena. This year's event is at 1 p.m. Sunday in Lantz Arena.

Bringing Greek Life together through song

By **HEATHER HOLM**
Activities Editor

Greek Sing is the largest choral competition in the Midwest.

It is where fraternities and sororities have five minutes to perform songs they chose.

Each sorority and fraternity involved has to arrange a compilation of four to five songs and they are judged on different criteria. Types of movements while they are singing, difficulty of music and how well they can perform are some aspects they are judged on.

"They get Greek Week points for each event they win and this all culminates into an overall score," said Dan O'Brien, a junior art major and member of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

The judges determine a winner based on points.

O'Brien said points are distributed depending on how each house places.

"It's interesting to see," he said.

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Caitlin Ring takes a bow after finishing directing the Alpha Phi performance during Greek Sing on April 6, 2008. Greek Sing took place in Lantz Arena and is dubbed the "largest amateur choral competition in the Midwest."

ple put effort into it, some treat it as a joke.

"The short-term goal is to win the event," he said. "The big events

are Tugs, Airband and Greek Sing."

O'Brien said these events promote campus life with the Greeks and brings forth how the real

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of **Sigma Phi Epsilon**

Greeks used to compete.

Trophies and plaques are given out each year and the winner of the big events get individual trophies that are passed down from year to year.

"We (Sigma Phi Epsilon) won Greek Sing last year so we still have the trophy," O'Brien said.

Each house also has a theme to their performance.

This year, Sigma Phi Epsilon's theme is 'The Temptations.'

"The songs we are doing are

more of a surprise," O'Brien said. "It's cool to see the originality of themes."

Sometimes people dress up as well to go along with their theme.

Some of the themes are songs with the word summer in the title and songs from "Moulin Rouge," money songs or songs from a particular artist.

"All the themes are different," said Greek Week Overall Will Seidelmann.

The competition will start at 1 p.m. Sunday in Lantz Arena and will probably last all afternoon.

"This is the 58th year that Eastern is hosting Greek Sing," Seidelmann said.

The cost is \$7 for floor seats and \$5 for balcony seats.

"All fraternities and sororities are involved," O'Brien said. "And it's a lot of work. Most people don't understand the amount of work and respect involved."

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Greek Week schedule of events

Date	Event	Time	Location
Friday	King/Queen Election Voting	11 a.m. to 3 p.m.	University Ballroom
Friday	Unity Bingo/Games	11 a.m. to 3 p.m.	University Ballroom
Friday	Airband Rehearsal	11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	Lantz Arena
Saturday	Big & Little Men's Final Tugs Weigh-In	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Health Services
Saturday	Women's Final Tugs Weigh-In	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Health Services
Saturday	Greek Sing Rehearsal	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Lantz Arena
Saturday	Airband/Coronation	7 to 10 p.m.	Lantz Arena
Sunday	Alumni/Adviser's Reception	11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Lantz Panther Lounge
Sunday	Greek Sing	1 p.m. to finish	Lantz Arena
Monday	Tugs - Divisions TBA	4 p.m.	Campus Pond
Tuesday	Collegiate Bowl	5 p.m.	Third floor of the MLK Jr. Union
Wednesday	Canned Food Sculpture	10 a.m. to 9 p.m.	Grand Ballroom
Wednesday	Open Mic Night	8 to 10 p.m.	7th Street Underground
April 2	Fun Day at Jefferson School	8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Jefferson School
April 2	Pyramids and Canoes	3 p.m.	Campus Pond
April 3	Tugs - All Divisions	3 p.m.	Campus Pond
April 3	Greek Alumni Reception	8 p.m.	TBA
April 4	Tugs - Finals	2 p.m.	Campus Pond
April 8	Greek Awards Banquet	6 p.m.	Grand Ballroom